

COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO

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LOCAL ASSISTANCE CENTER NOW OPEN IN ALPINE

Ramona Site Will Be Open on Sunday, Valley Center Site to Open Tuesday

The first of three local assistance centers (LACs) to help County residents after the devastating wildfires opened on Saturday in Alpine.

The Alpine LAC is at 1347 Tavern Rd., Suite 30. A second LAC will open at 8 a.m. Sunday, Nov. 2 in Ramona at 325 Sixth St. (site of the old post office). A third site is scheduled to open in Valley Center at 7 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 4 at the Valley Center Maintenance Station, 28565 Cole Grade Rd. The Valley Center site is being constructed with temporary buildings.

All three LACs are open Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., and Saturday and Sunday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The LACs offer assistance from County building officials, County Health and Human Services Agency, mental health professionals, the American Red Cross, California Office of Emergency Services, Small Business Administration, Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), Property Tax Reduction, utilities and various volunteer services.

For more information, please call the County Fire Recovery Hotline, (858) 495-5494.

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